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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.
ON THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND

1. ON DECEMBER 29, UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS ASKED THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR, AGE TAMMENOMS BAKKER, TO COME TO THE DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF THE NETHERLANDS IN THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY WILLEM ROOSDORP, FIRST SECRETARY IN THE DUTCH EMBASSY. ALSO ATTENDING THE MEETING WAS CHARLES FRANK, A MEMBER OF MR. ROGERS' STAFF WHO HAS BEEN ACTING AS COORDINATOR FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND.

2. UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS INDICATED TO THE AMBASSADOR THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND AND THE IMPORTANCE THAT WE ATTACHED-TO DUTCH PARTICIPATION AS A CONFIDENTIAL

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DONOR TO -THE FUND. MR. ROGERS GAVE TO THE AMBASSADOR A COPY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JOINT LETTER WITH SECRETARY CROSLAND ON THE FUND AND A COPY OF THE FUND PROPOSAL. THE AMBASSADOR HAD OBVIOUSLY NOT READ THE DOCUMENTS AND HAD RELATIVELY LITTLE TO COMMENT. HE DID SAY, IN RESPONSE TO MR. ROGERS' PRESENTATION, THAT THE PROPOSAL SEEMED LIKE A

SOUND AND REASONABLE APPROACH TO ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT. THE AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT THE DUTCH COULD NOT SUPPORT ANY FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUYING OUT OR COMPENSATING WHITES IN RHODESIA BUT COULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO A DEVELOPMENT-ORIENTED EFFORT.

3. THE AMBASSADOR SEEMED TO BE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT THE JOINT KISSINGER-CROSLAND LETTER WAS ADDRESSED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND NOT TO THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, JAN PRONK. HE WONDERED WHY THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, NOT THE DIRECTOR FOR THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, WAS TAKING THE LEAD ON THIS EFFORT. UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS EMPHASIZED THE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY AND IMPORTANCE OF THE ECONOMIC AID PACKAGE FOR ZIMBABWE AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE RHODESIA NEGOTIATIONS. UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS SAID THAT THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT SHOULD ATTACH NO SIGNIFICANCE TO THE FACT THAT THE LETTER WAS ADDRESSED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER SINCE ADDRESSEES WERE CHOSEN ON A STRICTLY PRO FORMA BASIS. THE SECRETARIES OF STATE OF THE U.S. AND THE U.K. ADDRESSED FOREIGN MINISTERS IN ALL POTENTIAL DONOR CAPITALS.

4. THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR STILL SEEMED CONCERNED THAT WE HAD NOT MADE A DIRECT APPROACH TO MINISTER PRONK.

5. UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS OFFERED MR. FRANK'S SERVICES IN ANY FUTURE DISCUSSION OF THE DETAILS OF THE FUND PROPOSAL.

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